

UGIC Conference Committee

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Ahmad Salah (Chair) - Stanley Consultants - Senior GIS System Analyst Ahmad is serving as the UGIC 2011 Conference Committee Chair. He has 16 years of professional experience. Dr. Salah has been working at Stanley Consultants for about 5 years. He holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (GIS Applications) from BYU, M.Sc. in GIS from Holland and a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Cairo, Egypt. He was a member of the software development team of the Watershed Modeling System (WMS); i.e. a GIS interface for hydrologic and hydraulic models. Lindsay Riddle (V. Chair) - South Jordan City, GIS Technician Lindsay received her Bachelors degree in Geography and Parks and Recreation from Utah State University. She works for South Jordan City, where she helps maintain the Spillman, Granite, Cartograph, and Trimble systems. She especially enjoys crime mapping, and a Preplan Project with the Fire Department for 400+ businesses, schools, and apartment complexes within the city. Previously, she worked for Layton City where she also oversaw the Spillman database, a Preplan Project for schools, condo and apartment complexes, and mobile home parks, and helping to update South Weber's GIS. She is a volunteer for Salt Lake Valley's Child Abduction Response Team (CART) and also teaches Geography 1800 at SLCC.

Brie Hurwitch (Schwag Sub Committee) - Epic Engineering, GIS Analyst Brie Hurwitch, GISP, LEED AP Brie is heading up the schwag sub-committee portion of the UGIC Conference Committee. Brie is GIS Manager and Environmental Planner at Epic Engineering. She has a Bachelors degree in Environmental Systems Technology from Cornell University and is from Upstate New York. She moved to Utah in 2006 with Rossignol Ski Company and lives in Park City. Epic Engineering's Utah offices are in Heber, West Valley and Vernal, offering services in civil engineering, urban and environmental planning and GIS services. Brie received her GIS Professional certification in 2009. She is excited about the conference schwag this year and hopes everyone enjoys it!

Steve Johnson (Technical Sub-Committee) - City of Orem, GIS Analyst Steve Johnson graduated from BYU with a BS and later an MS in geography. He has worked at Phone Directories Company as a cartographer. He is currently employed with the City of Orem as an Engineering Specialist in the Storm Sewer Utility. He has been active in the GIS community in Utah Valley for over 15 years, having headed up efforts for the Utah Valley GIS Day for the past three years. Troy Spjute (Posters) - URS Corp, GIS Analyst Dave Manning (Events Coordinator) - Morgan County, GIS Analyst Dave Manning is serving as the 2011 UGIC Conference Events Coordinator. He graduated from Utah State University (Go Aggies!) with a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture and a minor in GIS. After completing an internship with Logan City, he took a job with Morgan County and has been there for 5 years. Phoebe McNealy (Venue and Food Coordination) - University of Utah - DIGIT Lab Director/Research Assistant Professor Phoebe is the Director of the DIGIT (Digitally Integrated Geographic Information Technology) Lab at the University of Utah. She has a B.S. in Survey Engineering from the University of Maine at Orono and M.S and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Utah in Geography. Her research interests include geographic information science, geographic visualization, spatial decision support systems, and snow science. Phoebe is a member of the UGIC Board and has 14 years of GIS experience. Nick Kryger (Vendors) - Salt Lake City Public Utilities - GIS Administrator Nick Kryger is the GIS & IT Manager for Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities. Nick has been working in GIS for over 20 years. He has a BS degree in Business Administration and in Industrial Relations and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer. Nick is also the past Chair of Utah Geographic Information Council. Ryan Pierce - NRCS Ryan Pierce is a native of Nebraska. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a degree in Environmental Geography. Upon graduation, Ryan moved to Kansas to work for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture with a congressional mandate to work with landowners through conservation planning and assistance to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals for productive lands and healthy ecosystems. In 2006, Ryan transferred to the NRCS Utah State Office in Salt Lake City. He is currently responsible for cartography, Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis, deploying new GIS and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology, and troubleshooting technical problems. Ryan is also a Utah Geographic Information Council (UGIC) board member. Kevin Sato - City of Cottonwood Heights, GIS Administrator Currently serving on the UGIC Board in the position of vice chair. Also serves on the UGIC Standards, Education, and Conference committees. Kevin has over 21 years of experience in GIS working for municipalities in Utah. Kevin also has 13 years experience in Public Utilities as a culinary watermain designer specializing in large distribution watermain. In 2005 Kevin had the privilege of participating onstage in the ESRI UC Plenary. Dave Henrie - Utah County, GIS Administrator/Programmer Dave Henrie has worked in the GIS field for Utah County Government for the last 18 years. He received a BS in Geography from BYU, after which, he also got his MPA from the same institution. He is currently working in the IT Department, where he develops applications for Internet Mapping. Dave has been involved with UGIC for several years. He is currently serving as the UGIC Chair. Kate Smith Kate has worked at Unified Fire Authority for 5 years, 3 as an Emergency Manager with an emphasis in hazard analysis and mitigation planning, and 2 years as a part-time GIS Specialist focusing on fire-station response. She completed her BS in Geography from BYU and MS in Geography from Univ. of Utah. (When it comes to football rivalries, Goooooo Cougars!) She also serves on the UGIC Education Committee. Amy DaSilva - Salt Lake County Planning and Development Services- GIS Specialist Amy has 12 years of GIS experience working for Salt Lake County. She started in the Elections Division and worked there for 6 years and has worked in the Planning and Development Services for 6

years. Greg Hughes Greg has over 13 years professional experience working with GIS in a variety of different settings ranging from private sector to regional and federal government. He is currently working as a contractor for the US Forest Service at the Geospatial Services and Training Center in Salt Lake City. Greg graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.S. in Geography.